

31. A modular vault of claim 30 wherein a plurality of hooks are integrally formed into the unitary housing body for facilitating hoisting the housing body.

32. A modular vault of claim 30 with more than two side walls.

Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims by canceling claims 23-26 and substituting claims 27-32. These claims present the invention in a clear manner and fully comply with 35 USC § 112. Although Applicants do not believe the prior pending claims were without the full support of the specification, Applicants take the opportunity to present the above claims for allowance.

Applicants respond to the rejection under 35 USC § 103 on *Guardiani*. The *Guardiani* reference discloses a pre-fabricated multi-room housing structure which is built on a particular type of foundation. The present invention is for a secure vault that would be incorporated into another structure such as a home or a business. The modular vault would be fire resistant and burglar-proof. The structure is made by using a concrete mold to form the entire structure or the structure without the floor. The unitary housing structure has a frame for the secure door. A vault door is included in the structure. There is no teaching from the *Guardiani* reference for a modular vault of the present invention. To the contrary, the reference discloses a structure that would incorporate the type of vault of the present invention. The *Guardiani* reference teaches the interconnection of building elements and the accessibility of the building elements with doors and windows, rather than a secure vault. Although the materials used for the walls of the structures are the same, that is where the comparison ends. By merely using the same building materials does not teach the present invention.

Applicants urge that Figure 6 of the Guardiani reference does not indicate the use of a unitary mold for the production of the modular vault of the present invention. The Guardiani reference indicates that rooms of the buildings can be made of multiple units which fit together. Equating the Guardiani reference to the present invention is like drawing a parallel between a home structure and a bank vault. The dependent claims incorporate the above discussed elements which are nonobvious over the Guardiani reference. Therefore, the dependent claims 28, 29, 31 and 32 are patentable since the features in these claims are in addition to the patentable features of the parent claims. Applicants request review of the claims now pending and request allowance.

No fees are believed due as a result of this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (41241-00006USD1).

Respectfully submitted,

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